

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: MISHIMA et al  
 Serial No.:  
 Filed: December 2, 1999  
 For: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE  
 Group:  
 Examiner:

*Amend  
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 2/24/00  
 Bellman*

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner  
 for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

December 2, 1999

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of this application and prior to calculation  
of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Page 38, renumber claims 16 - 18 as claims 15 - 17, respectively.

Claim 16/~~renumbered~~ (renumbered as 15), line 1, delete "15" and insert --14--.

Claim 17, (~~renumbered~~ as 16), line 1, delete "15" and insert --14--.

Claim 18, (~~renumbered~~ as 17), line 1, delete "15" and insert --14--.

**REMARKS**

The foregoing amendments are respectfully requested prior to examination on  
 the merits of this application.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37

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